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SUMMARY: PRESIDENT TITO CONCLUDED FOUR-DAY STATE VISIT TO NEPAL FEBRUARY 5. JOINT COMMUNIQUE MADE NO REFERENCE TO NAC ENERGY CONFERENCE OR SPECIAL UN SESSION. SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD BETWEEN HIM AND KING BIRENDRA AND SEPARATELY BETWEEN MEMBERS THEIR ENTOURAGES, BUT DETAILS HAVE NOT SURFACED. VISIT WAS HIGH ON CEREMONIES AND TOOK PLACE IN WARM AND CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE. BILATERAL RELATIONS PROBABLY ENHANCED. END SUMMARY

1. JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT CONCLUSION TITO FEBRUARY 2-5

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NEPAL VISIT CONTAINS NO REFERENCE TO NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING

BUREAU, NON-ALIGNED ENERGY CONFERENCE OR SPECIAL UN SESSION. SUBSTANTIVE PORTIONS STATE TWO HEADS OF STATE CALLED FOR "EARLY IMPLEMENTATION RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT ALGIERS NAC AND PARTICULARLY ESTABLISHMENT ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR NON-ALIGNED AS WELL AS RESOLUTION ON SPECIAL MEASURES RELATED TO PARTICULAR NEEDS FOR LANDLOCKED COUNTRIES." BOTH SIDES EXPRESS OPINION THAT IN SETTLEMENT MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM IMPLEMENTATION UNSC RESOLUTIONS 242, 339 AND 340 "IN ALL THEIR PARTS...INDISPENSABLE." BOTH CONFIRM SUPPORT FOR "INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY PEOPLES OF VIETNAM" AND POINT OUT NEED FOR "FULL AND STRICT OBSERVANCE OF PARIS AGREEMENTS ON VIETNAM AND DISCONTINUANCE OF FOREIGN INTERFERENCE FOR SECURING STABLE AND LASTING PEACE IN VIETNAM." IN INDIRECT ALLUSION TO INDIA, KING BIRENDRA REFERRED TO "ENORMOUS PROBLEMS TO NEPAL'S TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT RESULTING FROM HER LANDLOCKED NATURE." TITO INVITATION TO KING AND QUEEN TO MAKE RETURN VISIT AT THEIR CONVENIENCE WAS ACCEPTED. TEXT BY POUCH TO DEPARTMENT, NEW DELHI AND BELGRADE.

2. ALTHOUGH FAIRLY EXTENSIVE PRIVATE TALKS WERE HELD BETWEEN TITO AND BIRENDRA AND SEPARATELY BETWEEN RANKING OFFICIALS BOTH SIDES, PRESS HAS RELEASED NO DETAILS AND NO INFORMATION CONCERNING SUBSTANCE DISCUSSIONS HAS YET SURFACED. "KATHMANDU FEBRUARY 4 ANNOUNCEMENT OF YUGOSLAV-NEPALESE POLITICAL TALKS" (REFTEL) WAS REPORT OF 45-MINUTE DISCUSSION WHICH LOCAL PRESS STATES TOOK PLACE IN "FRIENDLY AND CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE" DURING WHICH GON FONMIN OBSERVED "PRESIDENT TITO'S STATE VISIT TO NEPAL HAS ADDED ANOTHER MILESTONE IN NEPAL-YUGOSLAVIA RELATIONSHIP."

3. SOME EYEBROWS WERE RAISED LOCALLY AT HIGHLY POLITICIZED NATURE TITO'S REMARKS DURING TOAST AT STATE BANQUET FEBRUARY 2. REVIEWING WORLD EVENTS SINCE ALGIERS NAC, TITO REPORTEDLY SAID "GOVERNMENT OF CHILE WAS OVERTHROWN AND PRESIDENT ALLENDE COWARDLY MURDERED IN FASCIST COUP...IN VIETNAM VICTIMS CONTINUE TO FALL BECAUSE SAIGON REGIME SEEKS IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY TO PREVENT FULFILLMENT OF GENUINE WILL AND ASPIRATIONS OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE...PUPPET GOVERNMENT OF LON NOL REGIME CONTINUES TO SUBJECT PEOPLE OF CAMBODIA TO FURTHER SACRIFICES AND SUFFERINGS...COLONIALISTS OF PORTUGAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND REACTIONARY FORCES SUPPORTING THEM STILL TERRORIZE AND SOW DEATH IN DESPERATE ATTEMPTS TO PRESERVE RELATIONS WHICH MANKIND HAS CONDEMNED AND DISCARDED...." ONLY APPARENT REFERENCE TO ENERGY CRISIS AND NON-ALIGNED INITIATIVES WHICH HE VOICED ELSEWHERE WAS PERORATION "...NOT TO MENTION DEVELOPMENTS IN PRESENT DAY INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS WHICH, IF EARLY ADEQUATE SOLUTIONS ARE NOT FOUND, MAY HAVE UNFORESEEABLE CONSEQUENCES." TITO CONCLUDED THAT "ALL THESE

ISSUES, AS WELL AS BILATERAL RELATIONS, WILL BE THE TOPICS OF OUR DISCUSSIONS DURING OUR STAY HERE." KING BIRENDRA'S REMARKS AT BANQUET WERE TYPICALLY BLAND AND GENERAL.

4. ALERTED BY INDIAN PRESS TO TITO'S ADVOCACY IN INDIA OF NON-ALIGNED ENERGY CONFERENCE OR SPECIAL UN SESSION, SEVERAL LOCAL EDITORIALISTS LAUDED THESE SUGGESTIONS BEFORE TITO'S ARRIVAL AND HAD BRIEF FIELD DAY BLASTING ARABS ("THE THIRD WORLD, WHICH HAD BEEN EXTENDING POLITICAL AND MORAL SUPPORT TO THE JUST RIGHTS OF THE ARABS WITHOUT HESITATION, HAS BECOME THE GREATEST VICTIM OF THEIR ANGER" -- NEPAL TIMES). GON, HOWEVER, APPARENTLY TURNED THIS FLOW OFF, AND OFFICIAL PRESS OFFERED NO SUCH COMMENTARY.

5. DESPITE LACK OF APPARENT SUBSTANTIVE RESULTS, VISIT WAS WARM AND CORDIAL AND CAN BE JUDGED SUCCESS ON BILATERAL BASIS. AMONG OTHER THINGS, IT ENTAILED VIRTUAL ORGY OF DECORATIONS. KING BIRENDRA CONFERRED ORDER OF "OJASVI-RAJANYA" ON TITO, WHO RECIPROCATED WITH "GRAND CORDON OF YUGOSLAV REAT STAR." SUBSEQUENTLY, KING BIRENDRA CONFERRED VARIOUS DECORATIONS ON 43 MEMBERS OF TITO'S ENTOURAGE. IN HIS TURN, TITO DECORATED OVER 140 NEPALESE, EVERYONE WHO HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH VISIT, FROM KING'S BROTHER GYANENDRA TO COOKS, TABLE WAITERS AND SWEEPERS.

6. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF ARAB OPPOSITION TO NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT ON ENERGY CRISIS AND SUBSEQUENT ALGERIAN INITIATIVE, TITO EVIDENTLY BACKED OFF FROM PUBLIC ESPOUSAL THESE PROPOSALS BY THE TIME HE REACHED KATHMANDU, BUT WE DO NOT DOUBT THESE WERE DISCUSSED PRIVATELY. ON THEIR PART, NEPALESE ARE AT PAINS TO PRESERVE NON-ALIGNED "SOLIDARITY", AND WERE PROBABLY PLEASED THAT THEY WERE NOT PLACED IN POSITION OF TAKING PUBLIC STANCE ON ISSUES WHICH HAD THREATENED TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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